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DESIGN OF THE INSTITUTION.

The object of this institution is to furnish the sick poor with medical attendance and medicine gratuitously.

To diffuse vaccination by unwearied and continuous effort, and to accomplish this work in the most faithful manner, and at the least possible expense.

MEANS OF SUPPORT.

The Dispensary is supported by the income from a fund of ten thousand dollars, invested in safe securities, and by voluntary contributions.

Donations received by Dr. Philip Adolphus, Financial Superintendent, No. 638 West Washington Street, and by Miss M. Morse, 60 Park Avenue.

INVITATION TO VISITORS.

All who desire to obtain personal knowledge of the necessity of such an institution, its practical benefit to the sick poor, and its claims on the liberality of our citizens, are invited to visit the Dispensary and judge for themselves.

LOCATION.

The Dispensary is located at No. 239 West Van Buren Street, between Sangamon and Peoria.

Office Hours.—9 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M., daily, excepting Sundays.

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OF WEST CHICAGO.

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REPORT.

In sending forth the Eighth Annual Report of the Dispensary, the medical staff are pleased to assure the public of the continued and regular progress of the work with which the institution is charged.

As heretofore the aim of the staff has been to perform the labor of the Dispensary, according to the spirit of the organization, viz: To furnish medical services, with medicines, gratuitously to the sick poor of West Chicago, and to them alone; taking due precaution to prevent imposture, but in doubtful cases giving the applicant the benefit of the doubt. Patients able to come to the Dispensary are treated in its rooms, and all others are promptly and faithfully attended at their homes, by the visiting physicians.

With such attention always freely granted for the merest asking, many are saved from protracted illness, and made able to gain a livelihood, who, with large families often, must otherwise become burdens upon the public expense.

Not the least among the benefits of the Dispensary are those of vaccination. During the two years immediately preceding the last, so extensive was our work in this direction (carrying its protection to every indigent person coming within our reach), that the past season has witnessed a much smaller number of vaccinations, thus materially decreasing the whole number of visits to the rooms of the Dispensary, notwithstanding the visits for actual sickness have been considerably increased over former years.

In the financial management, the most rigid economy is practiced in every particular; no expenses are incurred for objects not vital to the institution. The services of the staff are gratuitous, it being a rule of the Dispensary that under no circumstances shall any fee be accepted for any professional labor.

Yet the successful operation of such an institution must necessarily be attended by a large expense. The income from the endowments of the Dispensary is insufficient for its support, without curtailing the amount of good it accomplishes. Hence it becomes necessary to ask contributions from the public; this the friends of the work are always emboldened to do, conscious of the beneficent character, as well as the measure of the labor they perform, and being ever ready to account to the donors and to the public, for the correct use of every gift.

Statement of Dispensary Work for the year ending June 30, 1875.

Total No. of Patients,	6,217
No. of Visits at Dispensary,	9,309
No. of Visits at Homes of Patients,	3,767
No. of Prescriptions Prepared,	12,435
No. of Vaccinations Performed,	228
No. of Re-Vaccinations, "	165
No. of Certificates of Vaccination given,	299
No. sent to County Hospital,	393
No. sent to County House,	37
No. of Births,	11
No. of Deaths	43

Diseases treated during the year ending June 30, 1875.

	No. of Cases.
Measles	83
Chicken Pox	2
Scarlatina	17
Diphtheria	4
Croup	1
Tonsillitis	48
Mumps	5
Irritative Fever	42
Whooping Cough	19
Typhoid Fever	18
Erysipelas	35
Erythema	10
Carbuncle	3
Furuncle	19
Dysentery	49
Diarrhœa	168
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	2
Cholera Morbus	27
Cholera Infantum	11
Intermittent Fever	133
Remittent Fever	74
Syphilis, Primary	75
" Secondary	55
" Tertiary	20
Condylomata	8
Bubo	15
Balanitis	2
Gonorrhœa	69
Gleet	5
Epididymitis	13
Phymosis	6
Stricture, Urethra	4
Bronchocele	23
Delirium Tremens	9
Alcoholism	13
Intemperance	5
Scabies	17
Lumbricoides	26
Taenia	3
Pediculi	14
Gout	1
Lumbago	39

	No. of Cases.
Rheumatism, Acute	132
" Chronic	229
" Muscular	5
Arthritis	7
Dropsy, General	8
Hydrothorax	1
Ascites	2
Anasarca,	2
Cancer	3
" Rectum	1
" Stomach	1
Anæmia	151
Chlorosis	6
Scrofula	13
Rachitis	5
Hydrocephalus	1
Adenitis	16
Tuberculosis	12
Inanition	3
Spina Bifida	1
Tabes Mesenterica	2
Pott's Disease	4
Lumbar Abscess	2
Phthisis Pulmonalis	99
Softening of the Brain	1
Concussion " "	1
Congestion " "	1
Inflammation " "	2
Apoplexy	2
Paralysis	19
" Agitans	1
Paraplegia	3
Hemiplegia	11
Meningitis	2
Progressive Locomotor Ataxia	2
Sunstroke	1
Vertigo	7
Insomnia	3
Cephalalgia	52
Hypochondriasis	8
Hemicrania	19
Insanity	1

Chorea	10
Mania	1
Epilepsy	26
Catalepsy	1
Convulsions	6
Hysteria	30
Neuralgia	117
" Intercostal	38
Myalgia	7
Enteralgia	1
Plenrodynia	17
Gastrodynia	6
Opium Eating	2
Tobacco Poisoning	6
Lead Poisoning	7
Sciatica	14
Spermatorrhœa	16
Carditis Rheumatic	1
Pericarditis	3
Hypertrophy of Heart	7
Angina Pectoris	3
Valvular Disease of Heart	33
Varicose Veins	17
Catarrh	18
Bronchitis, Acute	107
" Subacute	157
" Chronic	198
Bronchorrhagia	5
Coryza	43
Pleurisy	36
" Traumatic	7
Haemoptysis	3
Epistaxis	2
Tracheitis	6
Plenropneumonia	33
Asthma	92
Emphysema	18
Tongue Tie	2
Stomatitis	24
Aphthæ	1
Decayed Teeth (extraction)	232
Pharyngitis	74
Morbid Dentition	23
Dyspepsia	431
Gastric Catarrh	40
Gastritis, Acute	1
Duodenitis	1
Enteritis	9
Entero-colitis	1
Hepatitis	8
Cirrhosis	6
Colic	19
Hernia, not named	5
" inguinal	21
" double inguinal	2
" double femoral	1
Fistula in ano	1
Prolapsus ani	1
Jaundice	18
Haemorrhoids	56
Brights Disease	22
Abscess of Kidney	1
Nephritis	1
Stone in Bladder	1
Gravel	1
Enuresis	6
Bladder Irritable	29
Urine, retention of	5
Cystitis	6
Urinary Fistula	1
Orchitis	6
Varicocele	7
Hydrocele	7
Morbid change of life	20
Pregnancy	44
Morbid pregnancy	14
Fissure Nipple	3
Galactocele	2
Mammitis	3
Cancer Breast	1
" Womb	1
Mammary, Tumors	2
" Abscess	6
Ovarian Tumor	1
Abscess of Vulva	1
Abortions	3
Pruritus vulvae	4
Cellulitis	9
Ovaritis	3
Metritis	6
Perimetritis	4
Dysmenorrhœa: mechanical, nervous, congestive, and inflammatory	38
Uterine Diseases, Areolar hyperplasia, Endometritis, Endocervicitis, Prolapsus, Versions, Flexions, Subinvolutions, Superinvolutions and their Complications	232
Synovitis	10
Bursæ	5
Inflammation of Knee joint, chronic	6
Hip Disease	9
Necrosis, jaw	1
" tibia	2
" head	3
" face	1
" frontal bone	2
Ostitis	2
Periostitis	4

Abscess (not enumerated)	64
" of antrum	1
" alveolar	1
Eczema	51
" breast	1
" lid	2
" capitis	34
Herpes	8
" facialis	1
" labialis	2
" circinatus	6
" zoster	8
Lupus	1
Alopecia	3
Acne	12
Favus	10
Pityriasis	3
Prurigo	6
Elephantiasis	1
Ecthyma	1
Impetigo	1
Psoriasis	10
Urticaria	11
Epithelioma	1
Whitlow	21
Cornu Cutan	1
Senile Gangrene	1
Ulcers, chronic	110
" varicose	14
Amputations	4
Diseases of stump	3
Fractures (not enumerated)	3
" clavicle	5
" radius	4
" ulna	5
" rib	5
" femur	1
" colles	11
" leg	3
" scapula	1
" carpus	1
" acromion	1
" humerus	1
" forearm	2
" lower jaw	1
" metacarpus	1
Contusions	60
Dislocations, jaw	1
" clavicle	2
" shoulder	6
" ankle	1
" elbow	1
Dislocations, wrist	2
Anchylosis knee joint	1
" fingers	
Wounds, gun shot	
" incised	22
" punctured	3
" lacerated	10
" knee	3
" contused	3
" scalp	1
Bruises	16
Sprains	60
Burns and Scalds	26
Frostbite	24
Bite of Dog	6
Tumors	9
" pharynx	1
Debility	224
" senile	4
Ozoena	3
Ptosis	1
Blepharitis	9
Conjunctivitis	21
Ophthalmia Strumous	9
" Granular	5
" Catarrhal	7
Trichiasis	3
Cornea. Ulcers of	9
Lid, Ulcers of	1
Cornea, opacity of	1
Iris, prolapsus of	1
Keratitis	2
" traumatic	5
" pustular	9
" interstitial	2
Iritis	2
Hypermetropia	1
Granular lids	2
Cataract	4
Glaucoma	1
Entropion	1
Eczema meatus	1
Vitreous, effusion into	1
Stricture Lachrymal Canal	2
Cerumen. impacted	5
Otorrhoea	3
Otitis	2
Chronic Supp infl. of middle ear.	18
" non supp infl. of " "	9
Catarrhal deafness	10
Catarrh, nasal	5
Polypus, aural	1